

1 **CLAIMS**

2 1. A vegetable wax-based composition suitable for
3 manufacturing a candle by compression, comprising:

4 a vegetable-based wax; and

5 a petroleum wax,

6 wherein said composition comprises a greater amount of
7 said vegetable-based wax than said petroleum wax.

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9 2. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
10 1, wherein said vegetable-based wax has a melting point of
11 56 to 62°C and an iodine value of 22 to 34.

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13 3. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
14 1, wherein said petroleum wax is a paraffin wax.

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16 4. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
17 1, wherein said petroleum wax has a melting point of 55 to
18 61°C.

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20 5. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 1,
21 wherein said composition includes a fragrance.

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23 6. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 5,
24 wherein said fragrance is present up to 25% by weight.

1 7. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 1,
2 wherein said vegetable wax-based composition comprises at
3 least 50% by weight of said vegetable-based wax.

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5 8. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 1,
6 wherein said vegetable wax-based composition comprises at
7 most 49% by weight of said petroleum wax.

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9 9. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 1,
10 wherein said vegetable wax-based composition includes a
11 binder.

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13 10. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
14 1, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition includes a
15 colorant.

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17 11. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
18 1, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition includes an
19 antioxidant.

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21 12. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
22 1, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition includes a
23 UV absorber.

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1 13. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
2 1, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition includes a
3 co-binder.

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5 14. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
6 1, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition is encased
7 in an encasing layer.

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9 15. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
10 14, wherein said encasing layer consists substantially of a
11 petroleum wax.

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13 16. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
14 14, wherein the average melting point of said outer layer
15 is greater than the average melting point of said vegetable
16 wax-based composition.

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18 17. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
19 14, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition comprises
20 at least 65% by weight of said candle.

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22 18. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
23 14, wherein said encasing layer comprises at most 35% by
24 weight of said candle.

1 19. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
2 1, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition further
3 comprises color speckles.

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5 20. A vegetable wax-based composition suitable for
6 manufacturing a candle by compression, comprising:

7 a vegetable-based wax; and

8 a petroleum wax,

9 wherein said vegetable wax-based composition comprises
10 a greater amount of said vegetable-based wax than said
11 petroleum wax,

12 wherein said vegetable wax-based composition is
13 further encased in an encasing layer, and

14 wherein said encasing layer consists substantially of
15 a petroleum wax.

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17 21. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
18 20, wherein said vegetable-based wax has a melting point of
19 56 to 62°C and an iodine value of 20 to 34.

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21 22. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
22 20, wherein said petroleum wax is a paraffin wax.

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1 23. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
2 20, wherein said petroleum wax has a melting point of 55 to
3 61°C.

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5 24. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
6 20, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition includes a
7 fragrance.

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9 25. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
10 24, wherein said fragrance is present up to 25% by weight.

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12 26. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
13 20, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition comprises
14 at least 50% by weight of said vegetable-based wax.

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16 27. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
17 20, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition comprises
18 at most 49% by weight of said petroleum wax.

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20 28. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
21 20, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition includes a
22 binder.

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1 29. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
2 20, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition includes a
3 colorant.

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5 30. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
6 20, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition includes
7 an antioxidant.

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9 31. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
10 20, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition includes a
11 UV absorber.

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13 32. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
14 20, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition includes a
15 co-binder.

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17 33. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
18 20, wherein the melting point of said encasing layer is
19 greater than the melting point of said vegetable wax-based
20 composition.

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22 34. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
23 20, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition comprises
24 at least 65% by weight of said candle.

1 35. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
2 20, wherein said encasing layer comprises at most 35% by
3 weight of said candle.

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5 36. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
6 20, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition further
7 comprises color speckles.

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9 37. A vegetable wax-based composition suitable for
10 manufacturing a candle by compression, comprising:

11 a vegetable-based wax;

12 a petroleum wax;

13 a binder; and

14 a fragrance,

15 wherein said vegetable wax-based composition comprises
16 a greater amount of said vegetable-based wax than said
17 petroleum wax.

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19 38. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
20 37, wherein said vegetable-based wax has a melting point of
21 56 to 62°C and an iodine value of 20 to 34.

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23 39. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
24 37, wherein said petroleum wax is paraffin wax.

1 40. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
2 37, wherein said petroleum wax has a melting point of 55 to
3 61°C.

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5 41. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
6 37, wherein said fragrance is present up to 25% by weight.

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8 42. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
9 37, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition comprises
10 at least 50% by weight of said vegetable-based wax.

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12 43. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
13 37, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition comprises
14 at most 49% by weight of said petroleum wax.

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16 44. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
17 37, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition includes a
18 colorant.

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20 45. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
21 37, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition includes
22 an antioxidant.

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1 46. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
2 37, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition includes a
3 UV absorber.

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5 47. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
6 37, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition includes a
7 co-binder.

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9 48. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
10 37, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition is encased
11 in an encasing layer.

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13 49. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
14 48, wherein said encasing layer consists substantially of a
15 petroleum wax.

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17 50. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
18 48, wherein the melting point of said encasing layer is
19 greater than the melting point of said vegetable wax-based
20 composition.

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22 51. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
23 48, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition comprises
24 at least 65% by weight of said candle.

1 52. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
2 48, wherein said encasing layer comprises at most 35% by
3 weight of said candle.

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5 53. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
6 37, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition further
7 comprises color speckles.

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9 54. A vegetable wax-based composition suitable for
10 manufacturing a candle by compression, comprising:

11 a vegetable-based wax;

12 a petroleum wax;

13 a binder; and

14 a fragrance,

15 wherein said vegetable wax-based composition comprises
16 a greater amount of said vegetable-based wax than said
17 petroleum wax, and

18 wherein said vegetable wax-based composition is
19 further encased in an encasing layer, and

20 wherein said encasing layer consists substantially of
21 a petroleum wax.

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1 55. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
2 54, wherein said vegetable-based wax has a melting point of
3 56 to 62°C and an iodine value of 20 to 34.

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5 56. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
6 54, wherein said petroleum wax is a paraffin wax.

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8 57. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
9 54, wherein said petroleum wax has a melting point of 55 to
10 61°C.

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12 58. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
13 54, wherein said fragrance is present up to 25% by weight.

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15 59. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
16 54, wherein said composition comprises at least 50% by
17 weight of said vegetable-based wax.

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19 60. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
20 54, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition comprises
21 at most 49% by weight of said petroleum wax.

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23 61. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
24 54, wherein said composition includes a colorant.

1 62. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
2 54, wherein said composition includes an antioxidant.

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4 63. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
5 54, wherein said composition includes a UV absorber.

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7 64. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
8 54, wherein said composition includes a co-binder.

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10 65. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
11 54, wherein the melting point of said encasing layer is
12 greater than the melting point of said vegetable wax-based
13 composition.

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15 66. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
16 54, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition comprises
17 at least 65% by weight of said candle.

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19 67. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
20 54, wherein said encasing layer comprises at most 35% by
21 weight of said candle.

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1 68. A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim
2 54, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition further
3 comprises color speckles.

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5 69. A combustible candle composition, comprising:

6 a vegetable wax-based composition comprising
7 petroleum wax and vegetable wax, and

8 an encasing layer comprising petroleum wax;

9 wherein said vegetable wax-based composition comprises
10 a greater amount of said vegetable wax than said petroleum
11 wax,

12 wherein said vegetable wax-based composition is formed
13 via compression,

14 wherein said encasing layer is poured over said inner
15 core, and

16 wherein said candle composition comprises a greater
17 amount of said petroleum wax than said vegetable-based wax.

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19 70. A candle composition according to claim 69, wherein
20 said candle composition includes a fragrance.

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22 71. A candle composition according to claim 70, wherein
23 said fragrance is present up to 25% by weight.

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1 72. A candle composition according to claim 69, wherein
2 said vegetable wax has a melting point of 56 to 62°C and an
3 iodine value of 20 to 34.

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5 73. A candle composition according to claim 69, wherein
6 said petroleum wax is a paraffin wax.

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8 74. A candle composition according to claim 69, wherein
9 said petroleum wax has a melting point of 55 to 61°C.

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11 75. A candle composition according to claim 69, wherein
12 said candle composition includes a binder.

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14 76. A candle composition according to claim 69, wherein
15 said candle composition includes a colorant.

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17 77. A candle composition according to claim 69, wherein
18 said candle composition includes an antioxidant.

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20 78. A candle composition according to claim 69, wherein
21 said candle composition includes a UV absorber.

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23 79. A candle composition according to claim 69, wherein
24 said candle composition includes a co-binder.

1 80. A candle composition according to claim 69, wherein
2 the melting point of said encasing layer is greater than
3 the melting point of said vegetable wax-based composition.

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5 81. A candle composition according to claim 69, wherein
6 said vegetable wax-based composition comprises at least 65%
7 by weight of said candle.

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9 82. A candle composition according to claim 69, wherein
10 said encasing layer comprises at most 35% by weight of said
11 candle.

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13 83. A candle composition according to claim 69, wherein
14 said candle composition further comprises color speckles.

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1 84. A combustible candle composition, comprising:
2 a vegetable wax-based composition comprising
3 petroleum wax and vegetable wax, and
4 an encasing layer comprising petroleum wax;
5 wherein said vegetable wax-based composition comprises
6 a greater amount of said vegetable wax than said petroleum
7 wax,
8 wherein said vegetable wax-based composition is formed
9 via compression,
10 wherein said encasing layer is poured over said
11 vegetable wax-based composition, and
12 wherein said candle composition comprises a greater
13 amount of said vegetable-based wax than said petroleum wax.

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15 85. A candle composition according to claim 84, wherein
16 said candle composition also includes a fragrance.

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18 86. A candle composition according to claim 85, wherein
19 said fragrance is present from 15-25% by weight.

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21 87. A candle composition according to claim 84, wherein
22 said vegetable-based wax has a melting point of 56 to 62°C
23 and an iodine value of 20 to 34.

1 88. A candle composition according to claim 84, wherein
2 said petroleum wax is a paraffin wax.

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4 89. A candle composition according to claim 84, wherein
5 said petroleum wax has a melting point of 55 to 61°C.

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7 90. A candle composition according to claim 84, wherein
8 said candle composition includes a binder.

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10 91. A candle composition according to claim 84, wherein
11 said candle composition includes a colorant.

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13 92. A candle composition according to claim 84, wherein
14 said candle composition includes an antioxidant.

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16 93. A candle composition according to claim 84, wherein
17 said candle composition includes a UV absorber.

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19 94. A candle composition according to claim 84, wherein
20 said candle composition includes a co-binder.

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22 95. A candle composition according to claim 84, wherein
23 the melting point of said encasing layer is greater than
24 the melting point of said vegetable wax-based composition.

1 96. A candle composition according to claim 84, wherein
2 said vegetable wax-based composition comprises at least 65%
3 by weight of said candle.

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5 97. A candle composition according to claim 84, wherein
6 said encasing layer comprises at most 35% by weight of said
7 candle.

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9 98. A candle composition according to claim 84, wherein
10 said composition further comprises color speckles.

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12 99. A method of making candles comprising the steps of:
13 prilling a vegetable wax-based composition to form
14 granules;
15 compressing said granules,
16 wherein said vegetable wax-based composition comprises
17 a vegetable-based wax and a petroleum wax, and
18 wherein said vegetable wax-based composition comprises
19 a greater amount of said vegetable-based wax than said
20 petroleum wax.

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22 100. A method according to claim 99, wherein said vegetable
23 wax-based composition includes a colorant.

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1 101. A method according to claim 99, wherein said vegetable
2 wax-based composition includes a fragrance.

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4 102. A method according to claim 101, wherein said
5 fragrance is present up to 25% by weight.

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7 103. A method according to claim 99, wherein said
8 vegetable-based wax has a melting point of 56 to 62°C and an
9 iodine value of 22 to 32.

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11 104. A method according to claim 99, wherein said petroleum
12 wax is a paraffin wax.

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14 105. A method according to claim 99, wherein said petroleum
15 wax has a melting point of 55 to 61°C.

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17 106. A method according to claim 99, wherein said vegetable
18 wax-based composition comprises at least 50% by weight of
19 said vegetable-based wax.

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21 107. A method according to claim 99, wherein said vegetable
22 wax-based composition comprises at most 49% by weight of
23 said petroleum wax.

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1 108. A method according to claim 99, wherein said candle
2 includes a binder.

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4 109. A method according to claim 99, wherein said candle
5 includes an antioxidant.

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7 110. A method according to claim 99, wherein said candle
8 includes a UV absorber.

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10 111. A method according to claim 99, wherein said candle
11 includes a co-binder.

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13 112. A method according to claim 99, wherein said method
14 comprises a further step of encasing said vegetable wax-
15 based composition with an encasing layer.

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17 113. A method according to claim 112, wherein said encasing
18 layer consists substantially of a petroleum wax.

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20 114. A method according to claim 112, wherein the average
21 melting point of said encasing layer is greater than the
22 average melting point of said vegetable wax-based
23 composition.

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1 115. A method according to claim 112, wherein said
2 vegetable wax-based composition comprises at least 65% by
3 weight of said candle.

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5 116. A method according to claim 112, wherein said encasing
6 layer comprises at most 35% by weight of said candle.

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8 117. A method according to claim 99, wherein said method
9 further comprises embossing said candle via a mold.

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11 118. A method according to claim 99, wherein said method
12 further comprises debossing said candle via a mold.

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1 119. A method of making candles comprising the steps of:
2 prilling a vegetable wax-based composition to
3 form granules;
4 compressing said granules; and
5 encasing said vegetable wax-based composition
6 with an encasing layer;
7 wherein said vegetable wax-based composition comprises
8 a vegetable-based wax and a petroleum wax, and
9 wherein said vegetable wax-based composition comprises
10 a greater amount of said vegetable-based wax than said
11 petroleum wax, and
12 wherein said encasing layer consists substantially of
13 a petroleum wax.

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15 120. A method according to claim 119, wherein said
16 vegetable wax-based composition includes a colorant.

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18 121. A method according to claim 119, wherein said
19 vegetable wax-based composition includes a fragrance.

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21 122. A method according to claim 121, wherein said
22 fragrance is present up to 25% by weight.

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1 123. A method according to claim 119, wherein said
2 vegetable-based wax has a melting point of 56 to 62°C and an
3 iodine value of 20 to 34.

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5 124. A method according to claim 119, wherein said
6 petroleum wax is a paraffin wax.

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8 125. A method according to claim 119, wherein said
9 petroleum wax has a melting point of 55 to 61°C.

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11 126. A method according to claim 119, wherein said
12 vegetable wax-based composition comprises at least 50% by
13 weight of said vegetable-based wax.

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15 127. A method according to claim 119, wherein said
16 vegetable wax-based composition comprises at most 49% by
17 weight of said petroleum wax.

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19 128. A method according to claim 119, wherein said candle
20 includes a binder.

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22 129. A method according to claim 119, wherein said candle
23 includes an antioxidant.

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1 130. A method according to claim 119, wherein said candle
2 includes a UV absorber.

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4 131. A method according to claim 119, wherein said candle
5 includes a co-binder.

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7 132. A method according to claim 119, wherein said method
8 further comprises embossing said candle via a mold.

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10 133. A method according to claim 119, wherein said method
11 further comprises debossing said candle via a mold.